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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Asotin County

In March 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program released certified nursing assistant **Kathryn M. Cummings** (NC60022681) from terms and conditions set against her certification.

Chelan County

In March 2010 the Registered Counselor and Chemical Dependency Professional Programs released **Dina M. Palmer** (RC00029577, CP00002552) from terms and conditions set against her registration and license.

Island County

In March 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Tessa L. Bennett** (NC10096057) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

Jefferson County

In March 2010 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Elizabeth A. Whittaker**

(RN00077715) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

King County

In March 2010 the Hypnotherapist Program charged **Maurice D. Brooks, Sr.** (HP10001487) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of social security representative payee fraud, and felony theft of public money.

In March 2010 the Denturist Program terminated the order of probation against **Roy J. Clark** (DN00000255).

In March 2010 the Licensed Social Worker Counselor Program terminated the order of probation against **Jean C. Cook** (LW00005818).

In March 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Rita A. Hill-Wonder** (NC10052799) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly pinched a patient's nose and clapped her hands loudly in front of a patient's face.

In March 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program released **Jasmina Kahrmanovic** (NA60120358) from terms and conditions set against her registration.

In March 2010 the Dental Commission entered into an agreed order with dentist **James R. McAnally** (DE00007153). He practiced below the standard of care when providing treatment to patients. He can't practice orthodontics for five years.

In March 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program released certified nursing assistant **Brian A. Rucci** (NC60092049) from terms and conditions set against his certification.

In March 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Rex E. Tan** (NC60034911, NA60022001) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly attempted to steal, or borrow a total of \$9,500 from two patients.

Kitsap County

In March 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program vacated a prior order, granted the reactivation application of **Sharley R. Shore** (NA00031810), and placed her registration on probation for three years. She was convicted of welfare fraud and two counts of false verification of welfare form. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

Kittitas County

In March 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Diane Cariveau Clark** (NA00193893) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of theft, and Department of Social and Health Services allegedly barred her from employment caring for vulnerable adults after she took money from two clients.

Pierce County

In March 2010 the Board of Pharmacy terminated the order of probation against pharmacy assistant **Alvin M. Uhl** (VB00072550).

In March 2010 the Registered Counselor Program charged **Karen A. Young** (RC00047750) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

Snohomish County

In March 2010 the Massage Program charged **Sharon L. Ballenger** (MA00010904) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly tested positive for controlled substances on more than one occasion.

In March 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Loyd Hanna** (NC10092436) with unprofessional conduct. His license to practice as a health care assistant was indefinitely suspended due to failure to comply with a previous order.

In March 2010 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacy assistant **Lonnie L. Hunt** (VB00047003) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly diverted controlled substances from the place where she worked. She was convicted of soliciting possession of a controlled substance.

In March 2010 the Nursing Assistant and Surgical Technologist Programs charged certified nursing assistant **Sabdaniayu Tarigan** (NC10077772, ST00003280) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly treated a patient after her credentials expired.

In February 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of **Kristi D. Tompkins** (NA60083993). She left her shift without notifying a patient, or her employer. The patient woke with extreme abdominal pain, and she wasn't there to assist the patient.

Spokane County

In March 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Timothy D. Brand** (NA00185934) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly diverted hydrocodone on multiple occasions.

In March 2010 the Registered Counselor Program charged **Ricky Rorie** (RC60074029) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of three counts of riot — deadly weapon.

Thurston County

In March 2010 the Registered Counselor and Chemical Dependency Professional Programs placed the registration and license of **Ingrid Lenore Kail** (RC00006614, CP00003033) on probation for one year. She prepared a client assessment without considering documentary evidence, and relying on an unverified witness statement.

In March 2010 the Registered Counselor Program terminated the order of probation against **David J. Merscher** (RC60023143).

Whatcom County

In March 2010 the Massage Program released **Robert David Silverman** (MA60063336) from terms and conditions set against his license.

Yakima County

In March 2010 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Debra L. Mains** (RN00145819) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly admitted to forging and filling prescriptions for controlled substances. She was also convicted of driving under the influence, hit and run — attended with property damage, and negligent driving.

In March 2010 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Melody Kay Schneider** (RN00112541) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly evaded a workplace urinalysis and provided urine that wasn't her own.

In March 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Teresa Solis** (NA10029037) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly hit a patient, forcefully pushed another patient, and attempted to transfer a patient from the floor to a wheelchair by herself. She also allegedly scratched a patient and tore the patient's shirt.

Out of State

Texas: In March 2010 the Board of Occupational Therapy granted the application of occupational therapy assistant **Kimberlie A. Payne** (OC60114073) and placed conditions against her license. She was convicted of battery with injury on emergency personnel, and driving under the influence. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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